(b) and (c). Yes Sir, Soybean has been included under Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP). Under this programme cultivation of soybean is encouraged by providing assistance for production and distribution of seed, demonstrations, plant protection measures, sprinkler sets, improved implements, rhyzoium culture distribution of seed, demonstrations, plant protection measures, sprinkler sets, improved implements, rhyzobium culture distribution and other items. An amount of Rs. 77.5 crores has been provided under OPP for all the major oilseed crops including soybean. The soybean programme covers thirteen States.

Studies on Impact of Earthquakes

1345. KUMARI UMA BHARTI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India has taken up earthquake impact studies and post earthquake survey in the earthquake affected region of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the action taken by the Union Government on the study report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Geological Survey of India (GSI) are currently carrying on post earthquake scientific studies in the earthquake affected areas of Uttar Pradesh. These studies cover survey and assessment of damages and the pattern of impact on houses, roads, land, bridges, rivers and engineering structures and assessment of consequent damages and their pattern of impact on settlements and dwellings. The studies seek to delineate and determine epicentral tracts and isoseismal boundaries so that i-seismic maps can be prepared for further studies.

(c) A preliminary report of the earthquake impact study carried out by GSI teams has been received by the Government. After receipt of final report and its careful study, follow up action and planning of seismotectonic studies will be done for better understanding of geological processes and possible causes of earthquakes in the region.

Visit of Ethiopian Delegation

1346. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ethiopian delegation recently visited India and invited the Indian public and private entrepreneurs to extend a helping hand in the reconstruction of Ehliopia's infrastructure damaged in the civil war;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government have received any proposals for setting up of manufacturing or exploration projects in Ethiopia; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) An Ethiopian delegation headed by their Minister for Housing and Construction visited India from 30.10.91 to 2.11.1991. the Ethiopian Minister carried a special message from the new President of Ethiopia for our Prime Minister. He also called on our External Affairs Minister and the Minister of Urban Development. The ethioplan Minister addressed a press conference on 31.10.91, during which he invited public and private entrepreneurs to extend help in the reconstruction of Ethiopia's devastated economy.

(b) India has been extending assistance to Ethiopia in the sectors of agriculture, water resources management and small scale industries. However, programmes in these sectors had been disrupted on account of the recent civil unrest in that country. These would be resumed as soon as the

situation stabilised.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

12.00 hrs.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

TELEVISING OF LOK SABHA PROCEEDINGS

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Members, the question of televising the proceedings of the House was discussed with the Leaders of the Parties and Groups, the Ministers of Parliamentary Affairs and Information and Broadcasting, the concerned officers of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, the CPWD and the Lok Sabha Secretariat. The matter was briefly and informally discussed at the meeting of the Leaders of Parties and Groups also. It has been considered by the General Purposes Committee of Lok Sabha . It has also been considered at a joint meeting of the General Purposes Committees of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on 26 November, 1991. The consensus arrived in these meetings was as follows:

(i) that the proceedings in the House may be televised.

(ii) that, at the initial stage, the Question Hour may be televised.

(iii) that, at later stages, proceedings relating to legislation and the financial and other important matters may be televised.

(iv) that the detailed modalities in this regard may be worked out by the agencies concerned and approve by the Presiding Officer.

(v) that the matters which are held by the Presiding Officer as unparliamentary and not in keeping with the decorum of the House may not be televised.

(vi) that a trial for televising the proceedings may be held on any day as may be decided by the Speaker.

(vii) that the actual televising of the Question Hour may be started on a day as may be decided by the Presiding Officer.

(viii) that, as and when necessary, the matters pertaining to it may be considered in the Business Advisory Committee.

(ix) that since the time available at the initial stages is limited, the televising has to be done to fit in the available slot.

(x) that the telecasting may be done on an experimental basis.

(xi) that further necessary steps in this regard may be taken on the basis of the experience in this respect.

I hope these arrangements will receive the approval of this House.

SEVERAL HON. MEMBERS: Yes. (*Interruption*)

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE (Dum Dum): Sir, I am afraid, more and more utterances will be declared unparliamentary, than otherwise... (*Interruption*)...

[*Translation*]

SHRI MOHAN SINGH (Deoria): Sir, the Zero Hour is the most important period, what do you propose to do about that?... (*Interruption*)...

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN (Rosera): Sir, who will be the controlling authority? Will it be the Government or the Legislature?